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World-Famous Spy Tale

THE U-2 AFFAIR by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross (Random House, \$4.95).

Francis Gary Powers had never expected to become the most publicized spy in the Cold War.

He flew the U-2 as a vocation, not as a dedication. He was an ordinary man sent out on an extraordinary mission.

This is the story of Powers-a dramatic story of a pilot and one of the most controversial flights in history.

The unexpected news that a United States spy plane had been shot down in Russia touched off what many considered an astounding series of blunders.

After considerable top-level debate—remarkably detailed by the authors—we violated the ancient spy code by admitting Powers was on a spy mission.

This not only embarrassed Washington, but precipitated a world crisis by turning the 1960 summit conference into a fiasco.

Just how all this happened, described in terms of the people involved, is vividly revealed by the authors.

An outstanding reporting job has been done in this book. From a glimpse into Powers' boyhood to the grappling crisis confronting President Eisenhower and the Central Intelligence Agency when it was learned Powers had been shot down.

The reader will be impressed by the considerable amount of research done by the authors to produce this book.

They have succeeded in blending together a widely scattered series of events into a suspensefilled, highly re dable contemporary history.